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To: All Electrical Contractors, Homeowners & Other Interested Parties

Re: Permits for Residential Electrical Service Upgrades, Replacements, Etc.

The following is to reinforce and clarify our permit policy on residential electrical service upgrades, changeouts, service repairs, etc.

On electrical service upgrades (changing the electrical panel for a larger size panel- for example, going from 60 amp to 100 amp) or replacing a fuse panel for a circuit breaker panel (such as replacing a 100 amp fuse panel for a 100 amp circuit breaker panel-minimum replacement size is 100 ampere) we charge for **all** circuits, new and existing plus the service charge. This policy has been repeated in the yearly Contractor's Bulletins since 1987. When a service is upgraded or replaced, we also enforce the provisions of the St. Paul Housing Code, which is available from us as Bulletin 80-1 (1980 is the year it went into force).

If there is storm damage to a service mast, (the outdoor portion of the conduit above the meter socket) we will allow the mast to be repaired and service reconnection without bringing the rest of the house up to minimum Housing Code. For service repairs, we charge for the service **ONLY** (Assuming no other electrical work is done). If the meter sequence is damaged, call Xcel Meters at 1-800-677-3830 to determine if they will require a bypass meter socket for the replacement. If a service with an indoor meter is damaged and needs repair, contact Xcel Meters to determine whether they want the meter moved outside (this is entirely up to them- they have the right to refuse service if their requirements are not met). If anything other than a simple mast repair or extension is done, such as moving the meter outside, then the permit fee is for the service and all circuits and Bulletin 80-1 will be enforced. If you have ANY doubts, call us **BEFORE** you start!!!(651-266-9003)